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No. 743. Read the following letter from the Acting Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 13th March 1869, No. 5,197 :—

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department, No. 3,016, dated 18th December 1867, referred to in G. O. of the Public Works Department, No. 3,955, dated 21st December 1867, I have the honour to state that neither the receipts, as contributions, nor the outlay from those receipts, on account of the Streeviguntum Anicut in the Tinnevelly District, appear in the Accounts of the Public Works Department.

2. This work, as estimated for, is, I believe, under execution from Imperial* Funds and Local contributions, and in order to the entire outlay upon it, both by Public Works Officers and the Revenue authorities of the district, being recorded in the Public Works Accounts, it is absolutely necessary, that in accordance with rule, the contributions should be credited, as received, to this Department, and the outlay from that source debited to the work.

* The Imperial grant for 1868-69 is Rs. 1,28,100.

3. This procedure will in no way interfere with the arrangement proposed by the Collector in his letter† to the Board of Revenue, No. 626, dated 13th November 1867, as the whole of the contributions received may be placed at his disposal through the Superintending Engineer in the usual way.

† See Revenue Proceedings, No. 3,016, dated 8th December 1867.

4. Should the Government determine upon adopting the course suggested in paragraph 2, I request that, to enable me to embody the transactions in my annual Accounts for 1868-69, the Collector of Tinnevelly may be instructed to furnish me with a statement of the contributions received on account of the anicut from the commencement up to the 31st March 1869, and of the outlay thereon from that source for the same period. Any balance which may remain in the hands of the Collector on the 31st instant, from private contributions, should be made over to the Public Works Department, which will arrange for supplying the Collector with funds for the ensuing year.

5. The early orders of Government are respectfully solicited upon this reference.

No. 744. ORDER THEREON, 30th April 1869, No. 1,417.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.

1. The Government are of opinion that, under the circumstances explained by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, it is necessary that contributions in aid of the Streeviguntum Anicut works and all disbursements therefrom should be brought into the accounts of the Public Works Department, and the Controller will accordingly take the requisite measures for so dealing with them.

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2. The Collector of Tinnevelly will furnish the Controller with the Statements referred to in paragraph 4.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant General.
,, Collector of Tinnevelly.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts
Madras 13th March 1869

No. 5197

From,
The Ag. Controller of P. W. Accounts

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Sir,

Adverting to the Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department No. 3016, dated 18th December 1867, referred to in G. O. of the Public Works Department No. 3955, dated 21st December 1867, I have the honor to state that neither the receipts, as contributions, nor the Outlay from those receipts, on account of the Streevigunlum Anicut in the Tinnevelly District appear in the accounts of the Public Works Department.

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[x] The Imperial grant for 1868.1869 is Rupees 1,28,100

The subscriptions were made for & expended on a local work which does not necessarily affect any arrangement of the D.P.W. the amount or the source benefited by the work [illegible] is not supposed to know this. [illegible]

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reference.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

S. Knoff

Ag. Controller of P.W. Accounts.

J.H.

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From,
The Ag. Controller of
Public Works Accounts

To, The Secretary to Government
Public Works Departmt

Dated 13th } March 1869
Recd. 15th }

No. 5197
No. 1147 30 April 69

Stating with reference to Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department No. 3016 dated 18th December 1867 that neither the receipts as Contributions nor the outlay from those receipts on account of the Streevigun: : tum Anicut in the Tinnevelly District appear in the accounts of the P. W. Department

I would leave this subscription alone I think. It is all spent but a sum of Rs 30 or Rs 40 now in the Taluk Treasury. It was for a specific head sluice & channel. Mr Puckle does not want the money returned at least not till he goes back to the District. I would not bother the D.P.W. accounts with it. N.

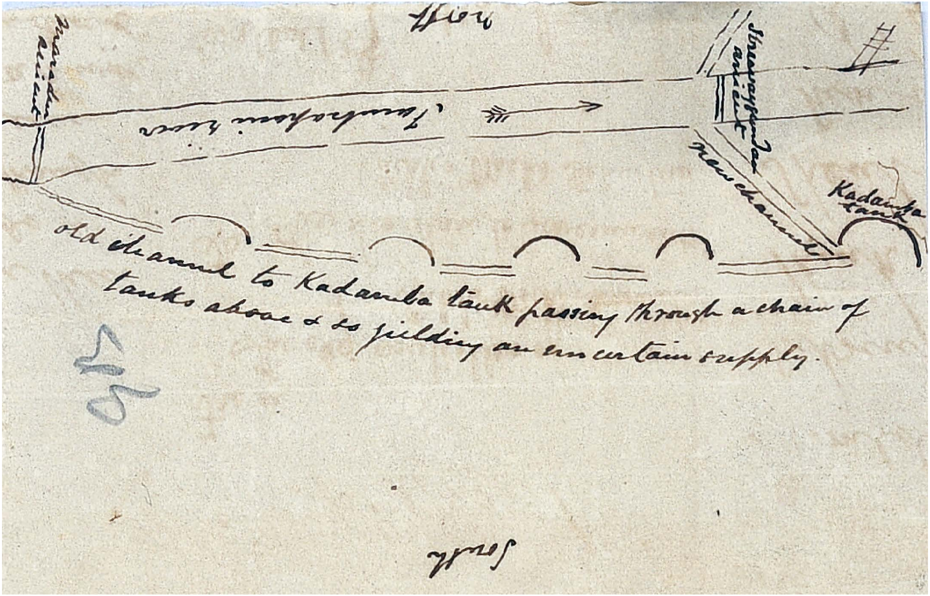
Letter from Mr Puckle circulated

Mr. Brock, who is generally very safe in all he does, says that his request preferred in para 2, is "in accordance with rule". He adds that the arrangement will in nowise interfere with the Collector proposed arrangement. It will be better, ⊕

⊕ I think, under these circumstances to do as Mr. Brock asks, though it certainly does seem anomalous that a private contribution of the kind in question should be subject to control by the Controller's Departmt.

W.D.A.

No. 743



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Tambraparni River
new channel
Kadamba tank
old channel to Kadamba tank passing through a chain of tanks above & so yielding an uncertain supply.
South

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Madras
March 17.

My Lord

I return the Streevayguntam anicut papers – there is no real necessity, I think, to refund the amount subscribed, which was for a specific purpose, now attained, virtually unconnected with the anicut project, though the channel thus excavated can be made good use of when the anicut is built. the accompanying sketch shows the channel & how it will be affected by the anicut. if the money is refunded it might advantageously be laid out on various other schemes connected with the extension of irrigation in the locality where it was subscribed, & if refunded through me when I return to my district great use can doubtless be made of it.

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In circulation Letter from Mr:

Buckle to Lord Napier.

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Memorandum.

1. Section I, Clause 17 - Section II, Clause 51, and Section V, Clause 16 of Chapter XX of the Public Works Code of the Government of India prescribe that all receipts and expenditure from private contributions in aid of public works shall appear in the Accounts of the P. W. Department, and detailed instructions upon this subject were communicated for the Controller's guidance in the enclosed Circular of the Public Works Accountant General.

2. In para 5 of their Proceedings of the 25 September 1867, No 2987, the Government, in

in reference to the Streevygoontum Anicut Project, remark "that "the people are reported to be so impressed with the advantages of the undertaking that they have subscribed and paid into the Treasury Rupees 20,000 as a donation towards its cost". Further, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, in submitting the last revised Estimate for this scheme, says that the people took "so great an interest in the work as to contribute both funds and labor for carting material, building a head sluice, and opening out a channel sufficient to provide a supply for the wants of the current season."

3. It seems clear from the

above

above that the amount paid by the local inhabitants was regarded by Government as a Contribution in aid of the Streevygoontum Anicut project.

4. If this be granted, it appears to me that it would be irregular to exclude from the Public Works Accounts the receipts and payments from the Contribution in question. In support of this statement, I would observe that the Accountant General of Madras, regarding the sums paid by the cultivators as a bonafide contribution in aid of a public work, entered that contribution in his Statements of P. W. Receipts for the months of April to July and October to December 1867, although he subsequently, under Revenue Proceedings

No 3016 dated 18 December 1867, wrote back the entire amount, viz Rupees 32,249, to the Credit of the Revenue Department. The write back entry was made as Mr Puckle thought that the people who subscribed the money would be disappointed if it were sunk in a general fund at the disposal of the P.W. Department. Mr Puckle's opinion was, I believe, formed under a misapprehension, since there is nothing in the rules of the P.W. Department to prevent private contributions being laid out by Collectors under their own arrangements, all that is required being that the receipts shall be recorded in the P.W. Books as realized, and the outlay debited

against

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against those receipts upon monthly Abstracts of Expen-diture to be furnished by the Revenue Authorities to the Controller of P. W. Accounts.

See para 8 of letter from this Govt No 3366 dated 26 October 1868

5. The Government of India have been informed, in the most distinct manner, of the Streevygoontum people having contributed a large sum towards the carrying out of the project under notice, and it is likely that a question will arise if, when the annual P. W. Accounts of this Presidency for the Current Official Year are laid before that Govern-ment, it be found that they contain no record of the transaction.

S. Knox [?]
Controller of P W Accts

16 April /69 -

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Pro. of the Madras Government
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From the Ag: Controller of
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The Collector of Tinnevelly will furnish the Controller with the statements referred to in para 4 –

[signature]

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6 S. Engr 8th Dn ✓
4 Contrller ✓
3 Acctt Genl ✓
5 Chief Engr for Irrigation ✓
Collector of Tinnevelly ✓
21 Rev Dept ✓

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Superintending Engr.
8th Division

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 30 April 1869. No. 1417

Nos. 743-744

Streevigunturn Anicut Works

Provision framed for the adoption of the necessary measures for bringing into the Accounts of the D.P.W. the contributions in aid of the Streevigunturn Anicut Works in the Tinnevelly Dt., and all disbursements therefrom.